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SUBJ: SOVIET-IRAQI RELATIONS

REF BAGHDAD 1150.

1. J.P. SMITH OF WASHINGTON POST WAS TOLD IN MEETING JUNE 2
WITH RCC MEMBER NAIM HADDAD THAT IRAQI REGIME IS DEAD SERIOUS
ABOUT UNACCEPTABILITY OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN ARMED
FORCES. HADDAD, WHO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POPULAR AND
PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL FRONT IS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH
BOTH LOCAL COMMUNISTS AND SOVIET PARTY OFFICIALS,
DECLARED COMMUNISTS ARE THE SAME AROUND THE WORLD--THEY
ALWAYS SERVE SOVIET INTERESTS. SMITH WAS UNABLE TO
DRAW OUT HADDAD ON QUESTION OF EFFECT WHICH THIS
DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE ON SOVIET-IRAQI RELATIONS.
REGARDING LOCAL COMMUNISTS, HADDAD NOTED THAT A
MEETING OF THE PPNF HAD TAKEN PLACE THE PREVIOUS DAY
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AND HAD BEEN VERY STORMY.

2. IN MEETING WITH SMITH SOME DAYS EARLIER,
MINISTER OF INFORMATION SAID THAT NUMBER OF THOSE
EXECUTED WAS ABOUT 18. USUALLY WELL-INFORMED ARAB AMBASSADOR
BELIEVES THAT NUMBER IS NOW HIGHER. HE QUOTED A SOURCE
AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF IRAQI GOVERNMENT AS SAYING 14

COMMUNISTS WERE EXECUTED IN FIRST ROUND AND THAT 11 WERE
EXECUTED ON MAY 28. WE ARE RECEIVING CONFLICTING REPORTS
ABOUT WHEN THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTUALLY APPREHENDED.
WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY OFFICERS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
SOME OF THEM WERE ARRESTED MANY MONTHS AGO AND WERE
ONLY RECENTLY BROUGHT TO TRIAL AS A RESULT OF INCREASED
IRAQI SENSITIVITY DUE TO STRAINS WITH SOVIET UNION AND THE
COUP IN KABUL.
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